

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

U.S. WINS IN THE WTO AGAINST EUROPEAN UNION IMPORT RE- STRICTIONS

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 1997

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Office of the United States Trade Representative [USTR] for its success in the World Trade Organization [WTO] case against the European Union's [EU] banana regime. Ruling in favor of the United States, a WTO panel recently found that numerous aspects of the EU import licensing system are squarely in violation of WTO provisions. As an institution, the new WTO offers the United States enhanced opportunities to break open foreign markets which are unfairly closed to U.S. companies. Through skilled use of the WTO dispute settlement system, Ambassador Barshefsky and her negotiators have secured a more level-playing field for U.S. businesses in the EU market.

I want my colleagues to be aware that this decision against EU licensing procedures represents a big win for U.S. trade objectives. First, it will help demonstrate that trade agreements can serve as an effective means of resolving trade disputes. And, by doing so, it underscores the value of pushing ahead with new trade negotiations. The banana case represents the first U.S. victory against the EU in the WTO, and should provide renewed hope for resolving numerous contentious disputes, particularly those we have which concern protectionist EU agricultural policies. Also, in her statement yesterday announcing the decision, Ambassador Barshefsky mentioned that the report does not find that duty-free preferences for Caribbean imports are inconsistent with WTO obligations, and she pledged to support future economic diversification in the Caribbean.

Finally, by giving life to some of the new WTO agreements—such as the General Agreement on Trade in Services and the Licensing Agreement—the panel outcome will contribute to international trade rules which will be of benefit to a wide range of U.S. trade interests in many WTO disputes to come.

Again, I congratulate Ambassador Barshefsky and request that my colleagues join me in calling on the EU to step up to the plate and support the new multilateral system by expeditiously bringing its unfair practices into conformity with the WTO ruling.

THE 180TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the momentous occasion

of the 180th anniversary of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Paterson, N.J.

As one of the oldest parishes in Paterson, St. Paul's was founded in 1817 by newly arrived English immigrants Mr. and Mrs. Mark W. Collet who missed the Anglican worship services they had enjoyed so much in their homeland. The church's first formal service was the baptism of the Collet's infant son, performed by a clergyman traveling to Paterson from Burlington and the congregation's first members consisted of friends and neighbors who attended the christening.

Over the past 180 years, north Jersey residents have been able to practice their Episcopal faith in Paterson and have done so under three different roofs. The first services were held in the old Dutch Reformed Church of Totowa on Water Street and the old Paterson Academy Building on Market Street. Following its incorporation as St. Paul's Episcopal Church in 1825, the church acquired 13,000 square feet of land at Hamilton Square (Market and Colt Streets) gratis from Roswell Colt, head of the Society of Establishing Useful Manufacturers. A few months later, members of the congregation began constructing a church of their own, a simple wood edifice with a square belfry, and worshipped there until June 28, 1848, when the building was destroyed by a horrendous fire that erupted at a nearby machine shop.

One parishioner, Robert Johnson, lost his life when he rushed into the sanctuary to save the church's organ, which had been played every Sunday by Mrs. Collet, the parish's founder and first organist. While parishioners were devastated, they did not lose hope or faith. While holding worship services at Odd Fellow's Hall on Main Street, they immediately began making plans for a new church at the site of the original structure.

On a bright, cold January day in 1851, members happily gathered at their new Gothic-style limestone church for dedication services. A year later, a gallery was installed to accommodate an overflow of worshipers. A house on Church Street was acquired for a rectory.

When membership continued to increase, the church purchased land to construct a larger building on the fashionable "Eastside," on Broadway and East 18th Street.

Ground was broken October 9, 1893 and the cornerstone was laid on May 10, 1895. Designed by William Halsey Wood of Newark, the new church, styled after Durham Cathedral of England. Wood left no stone unturned in creating his masterpiece. A stickler for detail, he outfitted the building with strong, lofty towers with slitted windows like those Anglicans historically installed in their churches to withstand assaults by mighty armies. The interior of the parish was designed by Louis Comfort Tiffany, who complimented the congregation's handsome mosaic and marble altar with nine magnificent Tiffany windows.

As membership in the congregation grew, St. Paul's took on many new ventures in the community. In addition to serving as a house

of worship, it became a pacesetter for innovative, humanitarian programs. In so doing, it has continued to practice teachings of the Bible and serve the entire community as a 20th century Good Samaritan.

Mr. Speaker, I would like for you to join me, our colleagues, the congregation of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the city of Paterson in recognizing the momentous occasion of the 180th anniversary of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and in celebrating the church's survival and importance in the community.

MAY IS PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS MONTH

HON. ROGER F. WICKER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 1997

Mr. WICKER. Mr. Speaker, May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month, conducted by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. This observance is important because it focuses attention on the health benefits of physical activity in the daily lives of all Americans. The 1996 Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health revealed that more than 60 percent of adults do not achieve the recommended amount of physical activity. The report brought together, for the first time, what has been learned about physical activity and health. The report found that people who are usually inactive can improve their health by becoming even moderately active on a regular basis. In addition, the report shows that physical activity does not have to be strenuous to achieve health benefits.

In March, voluntary health organizations and State health groups briefed Members of Congress and their staff members on the importance of physical activity and health. I attended this briefing and heard from one of my fellow Mississippians, Dr. Ed Thompson. He noted that even slight increases in daily exercise would greatly reduce the number of premature deaths due to heart disease, stroke, and diabetes. Dr. Thompson urged Mississippians, as well as all Americans, to follow the recommendations of the Surgeon General's report and to get physically active.

One organization dedicated to helping motivate more Americans to be physically active is the National Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity. This organization represents over 100 groups which have identified physical activity and health as their primary mission. The NCPPA will use its nationwide network to provide leadership to State and Federal policymakers as they work to increase the understanding, communication, and promotion of physical activity and health.

I encourage all Americans to look for ways to incorporate physical activity into their daily routine by taking the stairs, working in the garden, walking the dog, or biking to work. It takes only 30 minutes of physical activity per day to make a difference.

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I encourage all Americans to participate in the Physical Fitness and Sports Month by developing a daily physical activity routine.

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS CLIFTON,
CHIEF OF POLICE, BOROUGH OF
TOTOWA

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention Thomas Clifton, chief of police for the Borough of Totowa in New Jersey, who has retired after 39 years of service to the community.

Chief Clifton is a dedicated officer who has served Totowa well throughout the years and is respected by his peers throughout the State as an outstanding law enforcement official.

Thomas Clifton rose through the ranks of the police department. In 1980, he became deputy chief of police of the detective bureau and held this challenging post for 10 years. In March 1990, Thomas Clifton was promoted to the rank of chief and has served in that capacity with distinction.

In 1993, Chief Clifton was instrumental in renovating the borough's headquarters, purchasing a new communications system, and in computerizing the department's records. Under his leadership, the department has been readied for the 21st century and made law enforcement in Totowa smarter and more efficient.

Chief Clifton has been a vital and effective force in the growth of law enforcement not only in Totowa, but in the entire area. His innovation and leadership will set the standard throughout the Totowa Police Department for years to come. We are grateful as a community for Chief Clifton's lifelong dedication to insuring our safety and the security of the Borough of Totowa.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, Chief Clifton's family and friends, the Totowa Police Department, and the Borough of Totowa in recognizing the 39 years of outstanding service to public safety of Chief Thomas Clifton and wishing him continued health and happiness in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO THE CROATIAN SONS
LODGE NO. 170

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 1997

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate the Croatian Sons Lodge No. 170 of the Croatian Fraternal Union on the festive occasion of its 90th anniversary and golden member banquet on Sunday, June 1, 1997.

This year, the Croatian Fraternal Union will hold this gala event at the beautifully renovated Croatian Center in Merrillville, IN. Traditionally, the anniversary celebration entails a formal recognition of the union's golden members, those who have achieved 50 years of membership. Honorees who have pledged their allegiance for 50 years include: Frank

Boskovich, Mary D. Cost, Olga J. Curley, Lillian Damjanovich, Violet Evans, Eleanor Fischer, Adolph Kurpis, Joseph J. Labas, Annebelle Mazlack, Robert D. Medved, Henry Mikulich, Elizabeth Morgavan, Helen Mrak, Vincent R. Mrzlak, Rosemary Muick, Mary Pastuovic, Mary Pintar, Frances Sasak, Albert P. Seibal, Frederick J. Simunic, Donald R. Starkey, Jack Tomlin, and Marion A. Youngerman.

These loyal and dedicated individuals share this prestigious honor with approximately 280 additional lodge members who have attained this status.

This memorable day will begin with a mass at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Gary, IN, which will be officiated by the Reverend Father Benedict Benakovich. Following dinner, there will be a program featuring guest speaker, Mr. Bernard M. Luketich, national president of the Croatian Fraternal Union. The festivities will be culturally enriched by the performance of several Croatian entertainment groups. The Croatian Glee Club, "Preradovic," directed by Brother Dennis Barunica, and the Hoosier Hrvati Adult Tamburitza Orchestra, directed by Ed Sinndicich, will both perform at the anniversary celebration. The Croatian Strings and Junior Dancers, and the Adult Kolo Group, under the direction of Elizabeth Kyriakides, will provide additional entertainment for those in attendance.

I am proud to commend lodge president, Betty Morgavan, and all the other members of the Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge No. 170, for their loyalty and radiant display of passion for their ethnicity. It is my hope that this year will bring renewed hope and prosperity for all members of the Croatian community and their families.

THE 12TH ANNUAL SALUTE TO
THE PASSAIC SEMI-PRO BASE-
BALL LEAGUE

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the Passaic Semi-Pro Baseball League, as they celebrate their 12th annual salute to Passaic semi-pro baseball re-union dinner, in honor of the baseball greats who left behind a legacy of greatness and fond memories in the sport of baseball.

This year's event is truly a special occasion as the careers of four great men are highlighted in recognition of their outstanding and invaluable contributions they have made not only to the Passaic Semi-Pro Baseball League, but also to themselves, their family, and friends, and their teammates. The distinguished group of honorees includes Al Ianuzzi, Emil Majka, John Kopec, Jr., and Ed Szerencsits. Although a tribute to the Passaic Semi-Pro Baseball League, I feel that is only fitting and proper that the careers of these four gentlemen are equally recognized for their proud accomplishments.

Al Ianuzzi, born 1923, began his distinguished baseball career when he played varsity baseball at East Rutherford High School as a first-baseman. In his senior year, Al's contributions helped lead the Wildcats to the group 2 State championship and earned him a place on the Passaic Valley Conference All-

Star Team. He continued to play even when in the U.S. Army, and after he was discharged, Al played semi-pro baseball with great area teams, such as the Carlstadt Cubs and the Carlstadt Pros. He finished his outstanding career with the Passaic Demuro Comets.

Emil Majka, born 1926, began his distinguished baseball career when, as a young teenager, he played for several years with the Passaic Industrials. A well-rounded player, Emil served the Industrials as a second- and third-baseman, and also at shortstop. He also played second base with the Holy Rosary St. Stan's in the Clifton Recreational League, eventually helping the team to a first-place finish. Later, Emil played Legion baseball, playing third base for Passaic Memorial Post No. 200 and batting over .400. An integral part of the team, he contributed significantly to the Post's Legion championship and played an outstanding game in the State championship in Trenton where he batted over .500. During this time, he also played shortstop for the All-Passaics. Upon entering service with the U.S. Air Force in 1944, Emil played third-base with his squadron's softball team and after being discharged, played third-base for the Okonite Co. of Passaic, of which he was also an employee. Emil is currently retired and lives in Garfield with his wife Anne, and has two sons.

John Kopec, Jr., born 1931, began his distinguished baseball career early on, playing at Pulaski Park—South Field, mostly with the Bisons. He also played shortstop for the American Legion Rosoc-Duc Post No. 359 and the Passaic High School Indians as a second-baseman. John's superb playing contributed to the Indians 1948 Valley Conference co-championship and their 1949 championship. In 1949, John made first-team All-Valley Conference as a second-baseman. His semi-pro activities include stints with the Bisons, the Maple Leafs, the Comets, and the Clifton Dodgers.

Ed Szerencsits, born 1937, began his distinguished baseball career as a pitcher at Pope Pius XII High School in Passaic from 1953 to 1955. He went undefeated in high school and led the team to the parochial group B north Jersey sectional championship. During this time, Ed made first- and second-team all-State for private schools. His semi-pro career began in 1955 playing for teams such as the Demuro Comets, under Ted Lublanecki, the Granatell Indians, under Milt Stein, and the Clifton Dodgers, under Ray Mastrobort. Ed also had pitched for Seton Hall University under coach Ownie Carroll, taking the Pirates to the metropolitan collegiate baseball title in 1959. He was 22d in the Nation E.R.A. in 1958 and 10th in the Nation E.R.A. in 1959. In 1959, Ed was signed to a professional contract with the Milwaukee Braves by Honey Russell and the current manager of the New York Yankees, Joe Torre but was released by current Chicago White Sox manager, Roland Hemond, after spring training.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, Al's, Emil's, John's and Ed's family and friends, and the people of north Jersey in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable contributions to the sport of baseball, made by these four gentlemen, during the 12th annual salute to the Passaic Semi-Pro Baseball League.

IN HONOR OF NANCY J.
WEISGERBER

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 1997

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise and pay tribute to Nancy Weisgerber, who has served the Fairfax County public schools system for the past 26 years as a teacher, counselor, and principal. June 3, 1997 marks the retirement of this exceptional member of our local community, who has dedicated years of service to Fairfax County, and its students.

After receiving her bachelors degree from Muskingum College in 1964, Nancy began her long and distinguished career in Fairfax County, as a health and physical education teacher at Falls Church High School. She received her masters of education from the University of Virginia in 1971, and became a counselor at Falls Church High School. In 1976 she was appointed an assistant principal at Falls Church. In 1989, she was appointed to her current position as principal of J.E.B. Stuart High School, a high school noted for its ethnic diversity and innovative programming. In 1995, Nancy was recognized for her priceless knowledge and skills by her election by her peers to the position of president of the Fairfax County High School Principals.

Nancy's numerous, notable accomplishments with the Fairfax County Public Schools has helped mold the future of the school system. Her participation in numerous conferences and seminars such as the NASSP Assessment Center Seminar, Family Life Education Advisory Committee and the Marketing Education Advisory Board has shaped the educational curriculum in our community. In particular, Nancy recently participated in the Workforce 2000 Advocacy Council to determine how best to equip our students for their future in our changing economy.

Nancy's membership in the Phi Delta Kappa Educational Fraternity, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Association for Supervision of Curriculum & Development, and the Northern Virginia Secondary School Administrators Association has given her valuable knowledge and insight into the changing nature of education today.

Nancy has enriched our community through the many presentations she has given, and her team building skills, bringing business partnerships to her school and bringing an ethnically diverse community together. Nancy has offered a wide variety of material on counseling, the international baccalaureate, block scheduling and on the role of a principal. In particular, her seminar on violence prevention instructed schools on how to provide a safe and drug-free environment for learning.

Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues will join me in applauding Nancy Weisgerber for her extraordinary efforts to provide the citizens of Fairfax County a school system which brings quality education to our children. Although her presence will be sorely missed, we wish her great success in her future endeavors.

HONORING SUSAN AMIRIAN

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention Susan Amirian of Clifton, NJ, who is being honored tonight by the Clifton Optimist Club in recognition of her outstanding community service to the city of Clifton. Susan began the fundraising efforts to obtain high-tech infrared imaging fire helmets for the Clifton Fire Department which cost \$25,000 each and thanks to her extraordinary efforts, Clifton firefighters are now able to see through smoke, observe body heat from victims, notice heat behind walls, floors and ceilings and move swiftly through unfamiliar surroundings. In recognition of her accomplishments, Susan has received numerous awards statewide and was Citizen of the Year for the New Jersey Firefighters Association.

Susan is a native of New York State and received a citation from the mayor of New York and the New York Police Department for volunteer work at the 72d Precinct in Brooklyn. She obtained her bachelor of fine arts from the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn and received her master's degree from the New School for Social Research. She was also a regional finalist in the White House Fellowship Program during the administration of President Ronald Reagan.

Always eager to serve the community, Susan served on the Crop Walk committee this past fall to raise funds for the hungry. She also conducts workshops on recycled materials at the Hackensack Meadowlands Environment Center and takes part in first night activities in Montclair. Susan is also on the board of Clifton Hospice and is a Sunday school teacher and church council member at the First Lutheran Church. Currently, she is assistant director of the office of publications at Montclair State University and is responsible for the production of catalogs, manuals, brochures, newsletters, and posters for the university.

Susan and her husband, Armen, an electronics shop worker at the Metropolitan Opera Co. and freelance writer, are the proud parents of their 10-year-old son, Garen.

Mr. Speaker, I would like for you to join me, our colleagues, Susan's family and friends and the city of Clifton in recognizing Susan Amirian's outstanding and invaluable service to the community as she is presented with the Clifton Optimist Club's Judge Joseph J. Salerno Award.

**AN AWARD FOR NATURAL SOCIAL
WORKERS FROM THE UNIVER-
SITY OF PENNSYLVANIA**

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 1997

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the recipients of the first Crystal Stair Award from the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work. This award is given to natural social workers—those volunteers and professionals from any discipline who have

worked passionately for social justice and the elimination of prejudice and oppression.

The four recipients include Marian Wright Edelman, a nationally known advocate for children, C.B. Kimmins, an activist from a drug ridden Philadelphia neighborhood, and Jeffrey Lobach and Craig Trebilcock, two attorneys whose pro bono work assisted Chinese refugees.

Marian Wright Edelman is founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund [CDF], based in Washington, DC. She has been an advocate for disadvantaged Americans her entire professional career, which began as the first black woman admitted to the Mississippi Bar. Ms. Edelman founded the Washington Research Project, a public interest law firm and the parent organization of the Children's Defense Fund, which under her leadership has become a strong national voice for children and families.

C.B. Kimmins, is executive director and chief of staff of Mantua Against Drugs, Inc., and chief executive officer and president of C.B.'s Role Models, both based in Philadelphia. Mr. Kimmins has become a Philadelphia institution, who has made Mantua Against Drugs, Inc., well known beyond these city limits through his efforts to bring diverse elements of the community together to work with law enforcement to wage the war on drugs. Mr. Kimmins has the ability to empower neighborhoods to take back their communities.

Jeffrey D. Lobach and Craig T. Trebilcock are attorneys from York, PA, who have provided pro bono advocacy for years on behalf of Chinese refugees from the freighter *Golden Venture*, who were detained in York County prison. During Mr. Lobach's presidency of the York County Bar Association, Mr. Trebilcock chaired its pro bono committee on Chinese refugees. Mr. Lobach is a 1981 graduate of the law school at Penn.

Each of these recipients worked tirelessly against significant odds for the benefit of others. They have demonstrated extraordinary leadership in moving us forward collectively as a society. In doing so, they have touched all our lives and exemplified the spirit of the Langston Hughes poem "Mother to Son" from which the award derives its name.

In his poem, Hughes writes of a mother's encouragement to her son: In a world where "life ain't been no crystal stair," a natural social worker struggles unremittingly to bring light from darkness and create a crystal staircase, one stair at a time. It is this quality of determination and commitment that the Crystal Stair Award recognizes.

The award, given April 16, 1997, highlights the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work and the profession of social work, encouraging and inspiring others to join this effort. The award's benefits go well beyond the important work of calling attention to the selfless efforts of these recipients. Funds for scholarships and research will also be generated because of this award to further the objectives of Penn's School of Social Work.

I hope that all Members will take time to learn more about this important award and encourage its recognition as our Nation moves forward in its effort to mobilize citizens to volunteer time to their communities.

TRIBUTE TO THE JOHN RAAD
POST NO. 438 OF THE AMERICAN
LEGION

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the John Raad Post No. 438 of the American Legion as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

The John Raad Post elected its first slate of officers on February 9, 1947 and was granted its American Legion charter No. 438, on December 7, 1947.

Since that time, the Post has been a tremendous resource to its members and to the community. As a former mayor and south Paterson native, I am aware firsthand of the contributions of the John Raad Post. It has been the center of civic and social activity in south Paterson for many years. The Post has been a place for veterans to congregate and for members of the community, including the variety of new immigrant groups who settled in Paterson, to use for social gatherings.

The members of the Post themselves have been active. Members of the Legion not only take care of veterans by visiting them in hospitals and sponsoring recreation activities, but they care for the community. They and their auxiliary sponsor boys and girls to participate in Boys' Town and Girls' Town. They give donations to charity and their concerns for the welfare of our children, Americanism and the world around them are evident.

The Post has 25 members who were original with the Post when it was first conceived 50 years ago.

Mr. Speaker, I therefore ask that you join me, our colleagues, the members of the John Raad Post, and members of the entire community, as we recognize the invaluable services of this American Legion Post on its 50th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM MORTIMER

HON. ROBERT A. WEYGAND

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 1997

Mr. WEYGAND. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to pay tribute to an exceptional young man, Mr. P. William Mortimer, who has devoted much hard earned effort to achieving the Boy Scout's highest rank of Eagle Scout. This award reflects great initiative, determination and hard work.

Bill currently serves as junior assistant Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 7 of Warwick, RI. By coordinating a horticulture project at Meadowbrook Terrace, a senior citizen retirement community, Bill demonstrated organizational and leadership abilities that have enabled him to achieve his goal of becoming an Eagle Scout. He not only oversaw the entire cultivation process of planting beautiful flowers for the senior community, but he also managed more than 30 other Boy Scouts and parents during the day of planting. His efforts to improve the quality of life for others should be commended.

The 16-year-old son of Paul and Mary Ellen Mortimer and a 1996 recipient of the Who's

Who in American High Schools, Bill resides in Warwick, RI, where he is a student at Warwick Veterans Memorial High School. I am sure his parents are extremely proud of their son's numerous awards and achievements. As an active member of the Warwick Police Department's cadets program, Bill will continue to serve the public to pursue his dream of working for the FBI.

I have confidence that the Boy Scouts have prepared him to face life's challenges with great determination and character. Bill is an example of the best of America's youth, those dedicated to improving life in their community and who strive to reach their highest potential. On behalf of the people of Rhode Island, I would like to thank Bill for his service to the community and wish him great success in the future.

TRIBUTE TO HARRY "SKIP"
GOULD

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention Harry "Skip" Gould of Nutley, NJ who is being presented this evening with the 1997 Dr. Virginius D. Mattia Service Award in recognition of his 36 years of community service to the Township of Nutley.

Skip serves the community in a volunteer capacity and remains an active member of the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad. Considering the average volunteer emergency medical technicians active participation is between 4 to 6 years, Skip's dedication is truly outstanding and noteworthy.

Throughout his 36 years of service, Skip has compiled an impressive record. His volunteer hours are estimated to be over 75,000 and he has answered well over 5,100 calls for assistance. He has devoted thousands of hours to receiving training and providing training to other members. Skip has served eight terms as captain of the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad and two terms as its president.

In addition, Skip is also the mechanic who ensures that when someone needs emergency medical care, the ambulances and equipment are functioning at peak performance. All vehicles and equipment are maintained at the squad's headquarters by Skip, which eliminates a very substantial cost to the squad. He also leads the squad in the maintenance of the headquarter's building.

Skip is looked upon throughout the State of New Jersey as a volunteer EMT [Emergency Medical Technician] with significant expertise in the emergency medical field. His vast knowledge has enabled new volunteers to learn from him and to develop their skills under his direction. He demands excellence in everything he does and the squad's ability to render the best possible care to the community is a direct result of his leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I would like for you to join me, our colleagues, Skip's family and friends, and the Township of Nutley in recognizing the 36 years of outstanding dedication and leadership of Harry "Skip" Gould to the community.

TRIBUTE TO ATIM ENEIDA
GEORGE OGUNBA

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 1997

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend a talented and committed public servant, Atim Eneida George Ogunba, the principal officer of the United States Consulate in Matamoros, Mexico, the sister city of Brownsville, TX, on the international border.

Consul Ogunba was made principal officer in Matamoros in 1994 and has proven herself an outstanding diplomat in the south Texas-Northern Mexico region. She is a wealth of information to area business people and tourists who wish to come to the United States.

My office has numerous dealings with the consulate on a weekly basis. Any time we have asked Consul Ogunba for assistance, she has always been willing to go the extra mile and help. She is an eloquent advocate for the Consulate and has developed a reputation in the State Department, south Texas, and Northern Mexico for fairness, a valuable attribute for a diplomat.

Consul Ogunba was an enormous help to me in 1995, when the U.S. Consulate in Matamoros was targeted for closure by the budget cutters at the State Department and in Congress. She worked closely with me on this issue, and we were ultimately successful in persuading the State Department to remove the U.S. Consulate in Matamoros from their list of recommended closures.

Ms. Ogunba joined the U.S. Foreign Service in 1982, serving in Tijuana, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Washington, DC, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica. She is a highly decorated consul officer. She was honored with the Harriman Award for her "extraordinary contributions to the practice of diplomacy, intellectual courage and a wazzu zeal for creative accomplishment" in 1994. That same year, she won a State Department Meritorious Honor Award for her service in Costa Rica.

As a result of her efforts to spare the consulate in Matamoros from closure, in 1996 she was recognized with the State Department Superior Honor Award for "creative and inspired leadership as Principal Officer in Matamoros during a difficult period when post faced prospect of closing."

Her next posting will be South Africa, an experience which will be both challenging and rewarding for her. She studied Africa extensively, both in Nairobi, Kenya, and at Rutgers University here in the United States. I ask my colleagues to join me in offering her best wishes and thanks for outstanding public service.

TRIBUTE TO CARLOS A. NEYRA
ESTENS

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention Dr. Carlos A. Neyra Estens, associate professor in the department of plant sciences at Cook College, Rutgers University.

Dr. Estens was recently awarded two patents for the discovery of a novel *Bacillus licheniformis* strain that produces a lipopeptide antibiotic which is effective against fungal pathogens that affect corn, turfgrasses and vegetable crops.

In addition, Dr. Estens was a key speaker at the "NATO Advanced Workshop on Azospirillum and Related Bacteria" in Sarvar, Hungary, the "Mediterranean Colloquium on Protected Cultivation" in Agadir, Morocco, and more than 100 symposiums and international conferences. He has written three books and over 100 articles in scientific publications. Dr. Estens is also a consultant for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the National Academy of Sciences and other organizations.

Dr. Estens was born on October 4, 1940 and earned his bachelor of science in agronomy at the University of Tucuman, Argentina in 1965. He earned his Ph.D. in biology at the University of Illinois in 1974. Dr. Estens' post-doctoral fellowship was conducted at EMBRAPA, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil with Dr. Johanna Dobereiner, sponsored by the Brazilian Research Council/USA National Academy of Sciences.

For over 30 years, Dr. Estens has taught at numerous universities including the Universidad Nacional de Tucuman (Argentina), the Universidad Agraria, La Molina (Lima, Peru), the Universidad Rural de Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), the University of Chihuahua (Mexico). Since 1977, Rutgers University has been fortunate to benefit from his vast experience.

In addition to his involvement in the scientific community, Dr. Estens has been very active in the Peruvian community. He served as past president of the Union Peruvian Lions Club and was recently honored by this fine organization. Dr. Estens has been a role model and great praise must be extended for all his worthy achievements.

Mr. Speaker, I would like for you to join me, our colleagues, Dr. Estens' family and friends, and the scientific community in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable lifelong contributions Dr. Carlos A. Neyra Estens has made to plant biology and to our society.

A TRIBUTE TO NICHOLAS VECCHIO: ORANGE-WEST ORANGE UNICO MAN OF THE YEAR

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention Nicholas Vecchio of West Orange, NJ who is being honored by the Orange-West Orange Chapter of UNICO as their Man of the Year.

A member in good standing of the Orange-West Orange Chapter for more than 23 years, Nick has faithfully served UNICO as treasurer, vice-president and president, 1979-80. He has also served as a delegate to UNICO's national convention for 9 years and was a member of the board of directors of district XI, New Jersey as many years.

His personal successes have been followed by tremendous generosity. Nick has donated Toys for UNICO; is a major contributor to the Orange-West Orange Sports Breakfast; is a frequent contributor to the Sisters of St. Lucy

Filippini Mother House, Villa Walsh, Morristown; and is a supporter of A.C.T. Now, Abolish Cancer Today, affiliate of Memorial-Sloan Kettering Service Center.

Through his outstanding and invaluable contributions, Nick has aided many people, using his personal funds to assist them in their time of need. He has been and still is instrumental in raising thousands of dollars for various organizations where he is a member, among them: the Pack 3 Boy Scouts of America, the West Orange American Cancer Society, and the West Orange Cerebral Palsy Campaign.

Nick is happily married for 45 years to Camille, and is the proud father of five children: Beth, Andrea, Lisa, Camille, and Anthony. He is also the proud grandfather of nine grandchildren. Nick is a graduate of Rutgers University and attended Rutgers Law School. Currently he serves as a member of Rutgers' Committee on Academic Excellence.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, Nick's family and friends, and the members of the Orange-West Orange Chapter of UNICO in recognizing the exceptional dedication and service to the community of Nicholas Vecchio, Orange-West Orange UNICO's Man of the Year.

TRIBUTE TO ADOLPH J. GALLUCCIO

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the deeds of one of my closest friends, Adolph J. Galluccio of Wyckoff, NJ. Adolph is being honored tonight as Man of the Year by the House of Compassion. It is only fitting that the House of Compassion honor Adolph, for he epitomizes caring and generosity of spirit.

He was born and raised in Paterson and still considers it home. Adolph practices law in Paterson, is involved in charitable organizations in Paterson, and he has given his heart and soul to Paterson.

Adolph continually touches the lives of others. Whether he is performing stand-up comedy to benefit charity or giving turkeys he personally buys for the needy, Adolph unceasingly and enthusiastically keeps giving to his community.

Adolph has been a parishioner of Blessed Sacrament R.C. Church in Paterson for more than 40 years. He has been a member on the original board of directors for Eva's Kitchen and has served on the board of trustees for Paterson Catholic High School.

Professionally, Adolph Galluccio is well-respected as one of the best criminal attorneys in New Jersey. He graduated from Seton Hall Law School in 1964 and received the Bureau of National Affairs award. He is admitted to the New Jersey, U.S. District, and U.S. Supreme Court.

Adolph continues to emphasize the importance of education and serves as a resource for the next generation. He is a regular Career Day speaker and occasional guest lecturer at both Paterson Catholic High School and Ramapo High School.

Adolph and his wife Dorothy have four children, Michael, Terry Lynne, Karen, and Mark, and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, Adolph's family and friends in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable service to the community of Adolph J. Galluccio.

THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PREPARATORY CENTER FOR THE ARTS AT MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the momentous occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Preparatory Center for the Arts at Montclair State University. This occasion will be celebrated on Saturday, May 3, 1997 with a concert showcasing the winning compositions from the Music Division Composition contest in which some 250 scores from composers in seven countries were entered.

In 1976, Dr. Ruth Rendleman, professor of music at Montclair State University, was the driving force behind what was then called the Music Preparatory Division. The division was created by the Department of Music to seek out, encourage, and develop the talents of qualified music students of all ages from the State of New Jersey and adjacent areas.

The Preparatory Division officially opened its doors in September 1976, with an enrollment of 54 students. It offered courses in private instrumental instruction, class piano, music theory, and chamber ensembles. Today, the Music Preparatory Division has evolved into the Preparatory Center for the Arts. Three hundred and twenty students participate in similar music courses as those offered 20 years ago, and can also be involved in large ensembles such as orchestra and choir. They can also take classes in jazz, dalcroze and eurythmics, traditional and electronic music composition, and introductory music history.

In addition to its curriculum, the Preparatory Center for the Arts now offers classes in ballet and tap dancing. It further has inaugurated its Theatre Kids program of drama classes for children, ages 5 through 10.

The scholarship program, for which students and faculty perform a few benefit performances each year, allows Montclair State University to offer both talent- and need-based scholarships to many deserving students. This year, the center will be hosting their fifth summer music camp at the New Jersey School of Conservation at Stokes Forest. This camp is a 2-week extension of the 30-week academic year program in which students from various parts of the country can come to study music and the environment. The Preparatory Center clearly has come a long way since its inception.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, the students and faculty of the Preparatory Center for the Arts, and all of Montclair State University in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable service to musical development Montclair State University has made on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Preparatory Center for the Arts at Montclair State University.

MRS. ANNA CRINCOLI: 1997
MOTHER OF THE YEAR

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention Mrs. Anna Crincoli who is being honored by the Italian Tribune News as the 1997 Mother of the Year.

Anna was born on August 29, 1907 at 37 Hayes Street in Newark. She attended Newton Street School. When she was 10 years old, Anna and her family moved to 383 South 9th Street in Newark where she attended the 14th Avenue School.

Anna managed to complete the seventh grade in a time when daughters were not encouraged to stay in school and receive an education. At the age of 13, she was forced to leave school and go to work. There were 10 children in her family and she and her older sister had to work in a local tailor shop. She worked on a sewing machine all week and attended the continuation school 1 day each week so that she could receive her working papers.

When Anna was 21 years old, she married Angelo Crincoli. She and Angelo worked in a small grocery store. Anna was relieved to work in a grocery store because she would never again have to worry about food. She knew there would always be plenty to eat.

Anna has two sons, Anthony and Dominick, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren who are the joy of her life. She fondly remembers her mother who lived to be 96 years of age and would share with Anna many stories of Italy. She also remains close to her four sisters and five brothers. Always active in the community, Anna belongs to the Rosary Altar Society in St. Rocco's Church in Newark, the Belleville Club on Mill Street and the Friday Club in Bloomfield.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, and Anna's family and friends in recognizing the outstanding achievement of Anna Crincoli as the 1997 Mother of the Year.

THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ROTARY CLUB OF BELLEVILLE

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the momentous occasion

of the 75th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Belleville.

The Rotary Club of Belleville received its charter from the Rotary International on April 22, 1992. The club counts among its members this community's leaders in business, the professions, and trades.

The club enriches our community by observing the Rotary mottos, "Service Above Self," and "He Profits Most Who Serves Best." It has sponsored projects to aid the aged, youth, the ill, the poor, and the illiterate. The Belleville Rotary continually works to provide services to those in need.

The club is generous to the community. Whether they give funds directly, provide food, endow scholarships to Belleville high school students, or donate to the Student Exchange Program with Japan, the Belleville Rotarians epitomize the spirit of giving. The club is particularly proud of its ability to give to the Gift of Life Program for children of the world. This program provides doctor and hospital services to children in need of heart operations who would not have had the benefit of the treatment.

The club contributes to and supports the Rotary International's PolioPlus Program to eradicate polio in developing countries and regions worldwide.

The club will officially observe its anniversary with a musical program at the Belleville Public Library and Information Center on May 7, 1997 and a dinner dance to be held on June 26, 1997 in Belleville. These events will be attended by the club's members, guests, and dignitaries from the Rotary, the town, and the State.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, members of the Rotary Club of Belleville, and the township of Belleville in recognizing the momentous occasion of the 75th anniversary of its Rotary Club and to commend the organization for its outstanding and invaluable service to the community.

TRIBUTE TO RONALD S. FAVA,
PASSAIC COUNTY PROSECUTOR

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention Ronald S. Fava, prosecutor of the County of Passaic, NJ, in honor of National Police Week.

Ron was born on March 14, 1949. A lifelong resident of Paterson, he attended Paterson

public schools and is a graduate of Paterson Central High School. In 1969, Ronald graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University, Rutherford campus with a bachelor of arts degree. He earned his juris in doctore in 1972 from Seton Hall Law School, Newark.

Ronald was admitted to the New Jersey Bar in November 1972. He was an assistant county prosecutor with the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office from 1973 to 1974 and a municipal prosecutor for the city of Paterson from 1974 to 1978. Elected in 1975, Ron also served one term as an assemblyman for New Jersey's 35th Legislative District. He was the second youngest member of the assembly at the time.

In April 1980, Ron became municipal court judge for the city of Paterson and was a full-time presiding judge of the Paterson Municipal Court from October 1981 to June 1988. He was appointed as the Passaic County prosecutor on June 7, 1988 and was reappointed on June 30, 1995.

Ron has been active in many civic and professional associations. He has served as vice-chairman and chairman of the Boy Scouts of America, Passaic Valley Council, north valley district. He has also led the County Prosecutors Association of New Jersey as its president from 1992 to 1993 and has become the chair of the County Prosecutors Association's Legislative Committee from 1995 to 1996. Ron is currently a member of Passaic County Bar Association, the National District Attorneys Association, the Supreme Court Committees on Criminal Practice and on Municipal Courts, and the New Jersey Sentencing Policy Study Commission. He has been appointed by Governor Whitman as a member of the Study Commission on Parole and is a trustee of the New Jersey Bar Association, Criminal Law Section.

Ronald and his wife Gloria are the proud parents of two children, daughter, Valerie and son, Stephen Ronald.

Mr. Speaker, I would like for you to join me, our colleagues, Ronald's family and friends, and the County of Passaic in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable service to law enforcement of Ronald S. Fava, prosecutor of Passaic County.